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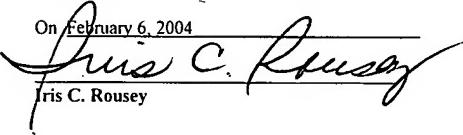
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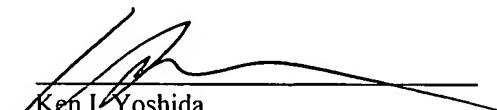
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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCE

1) With reference to Japanese Nos. 2-210963 and 6-98157, they disclose improved error diffusion techniques. However, these approximation techniques are applied to approximate the input data only for the purpose of outputting the input image. (See page 3, starting at line 7 of the present application.)

2) With reference to the Loetling reference, despite Applicant's diligent effort, they are unable to locate a copy of this reference. Applicant will continue to make further efforts to obtain a copy. However, reference CB in the IDS Form-1449 is cumulative for the Loetling reference. (Reference to the Loetling reference can be found at page 3, line 4 of the present application.)

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIALS	TRADEMARK NUMBER	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
AA		4,803,558	2/7/1989	Hiratsuka, et al.			
AB		5,121,446	6/9/1992	Yamada, et al.			
AC		5,159,470	10/27/1992	Ishida, et al.			
AD		5,164,717	11/17/1992	Wells, et al.			
AE		5,204,753	4/20/1993	Tai			
AF		5,208,871	5/4/1993	Eschbach			
AG		5,243,441	9/7/1993	Kawata			
AH		5,339,171	8/16/1994	Fujisawa, et al.			
AI		5,384,646	1/24/1995	Godshalk, et al.			
AJ		5,519,509	5/21/1996	Hikosaka, et al.			
AK		5,521,989	5/28/1996	Fan			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
							YES	NO
	BA	JP2-210963	8/22/1990	JAPAN				✓
	BB	JP6-98157	4/8/1994	JAPAN				✓

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

CA	Tetsuya Itoh, "The Prospects of Image Quality Development on Digital Electrophotographic Imaging," Japanese Photography Academy, Vol. 57, 1994, pgs. 99, 103 and 107. (See English Abstract, particularly Fig. 10.)
CB	Loetling, "Visual Performance and Image coding," SPIE/OSA, Image Processing, 74, 1976 (**Copy Unavailable-See reason in IDS Attachment)

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